

ASIME2016 – Session II

**Small Spacecraft Solar Sail Missions for Multiple Near-Earth Object Prospection:
Remote Sensing, In-Situ Characterization and Sample Return**

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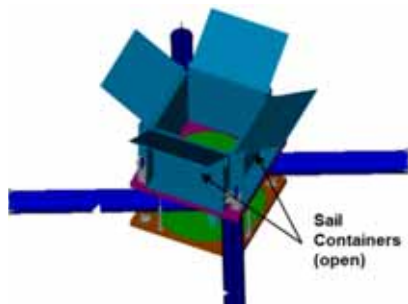
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The December 7th, 1999 DLR/ESA Solar Sail Ground Demonstration

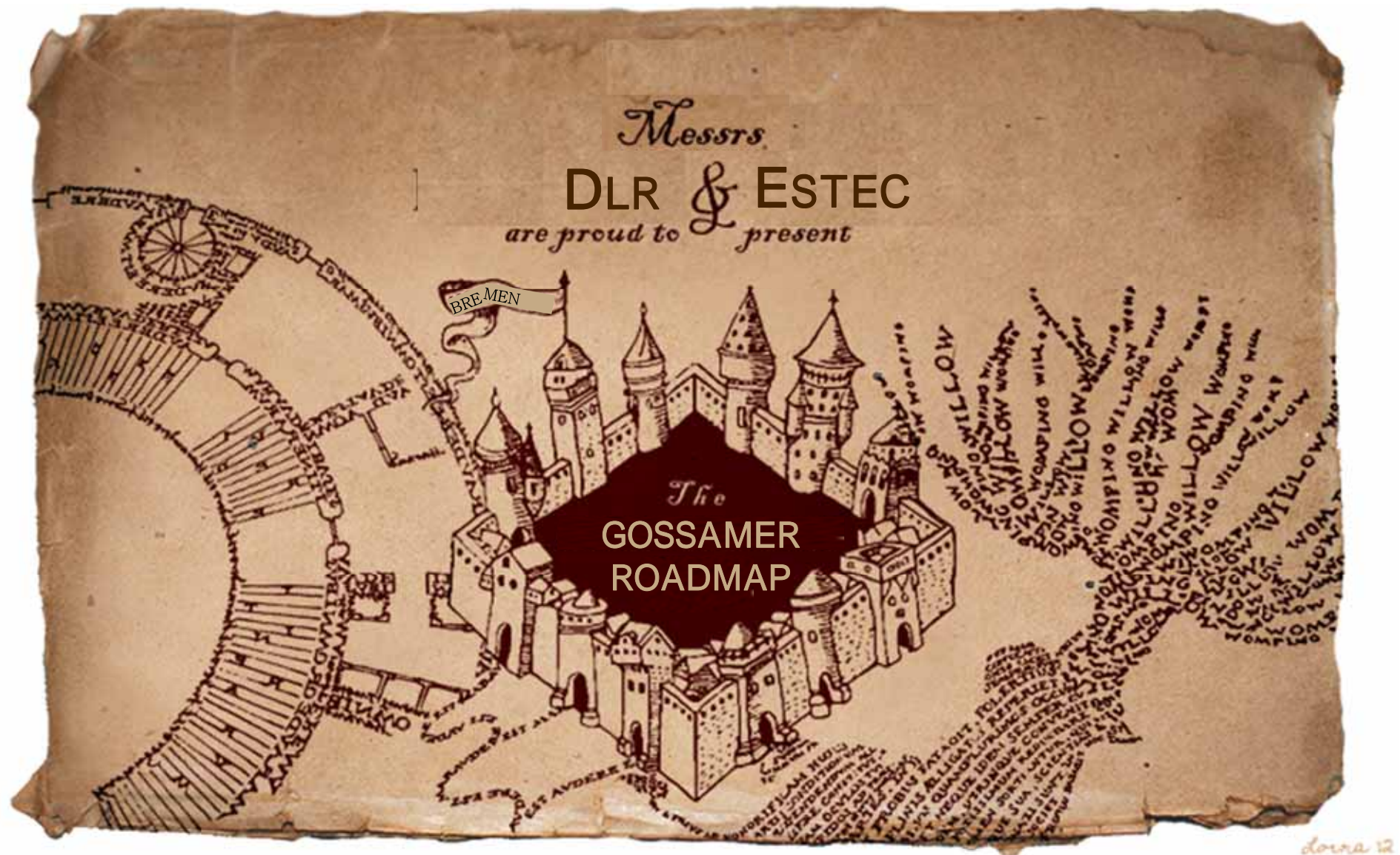
(20 m)² push-out boom, hoisted sail

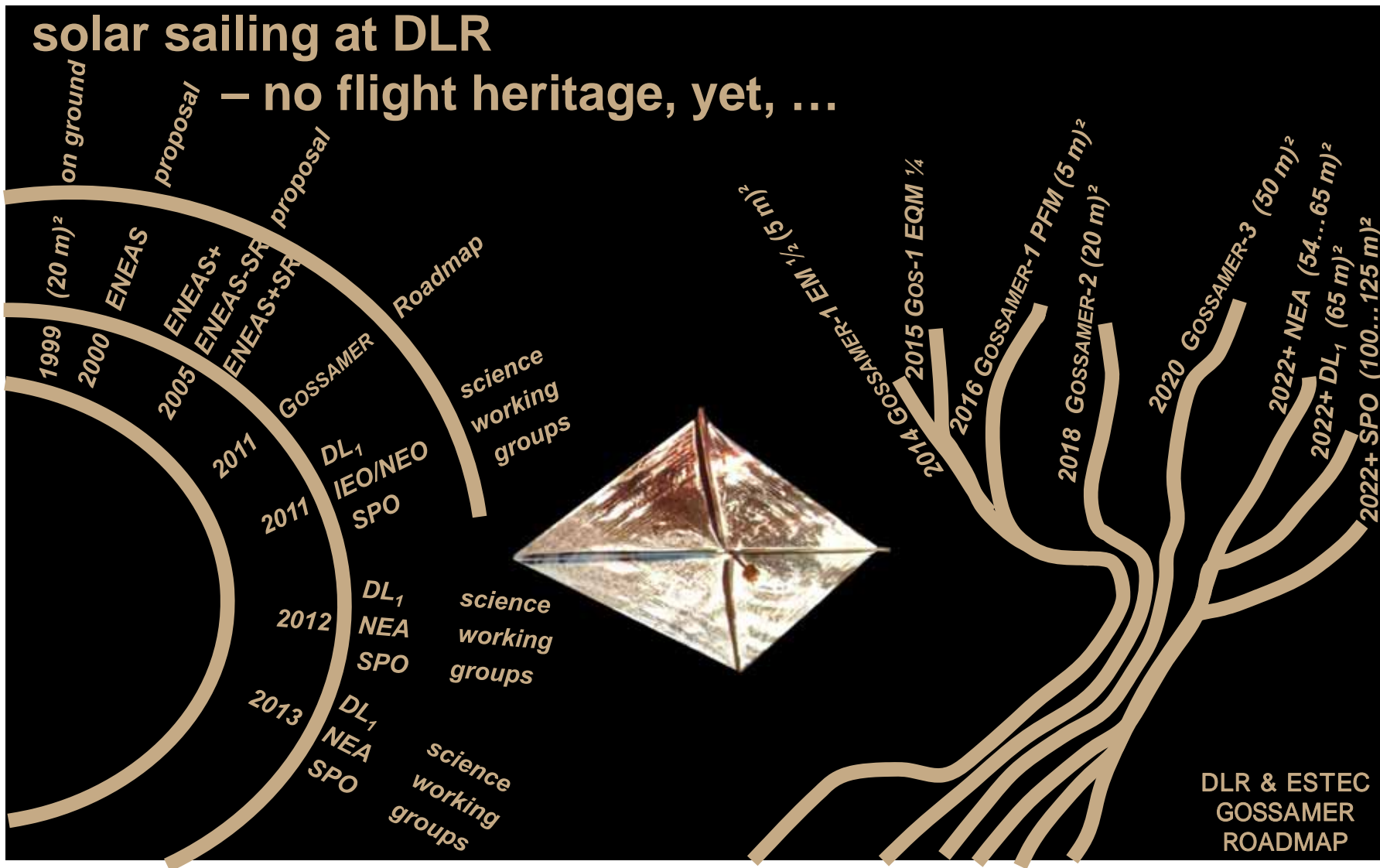
- you need space – the European Astronaut Center hall next to the ISS model



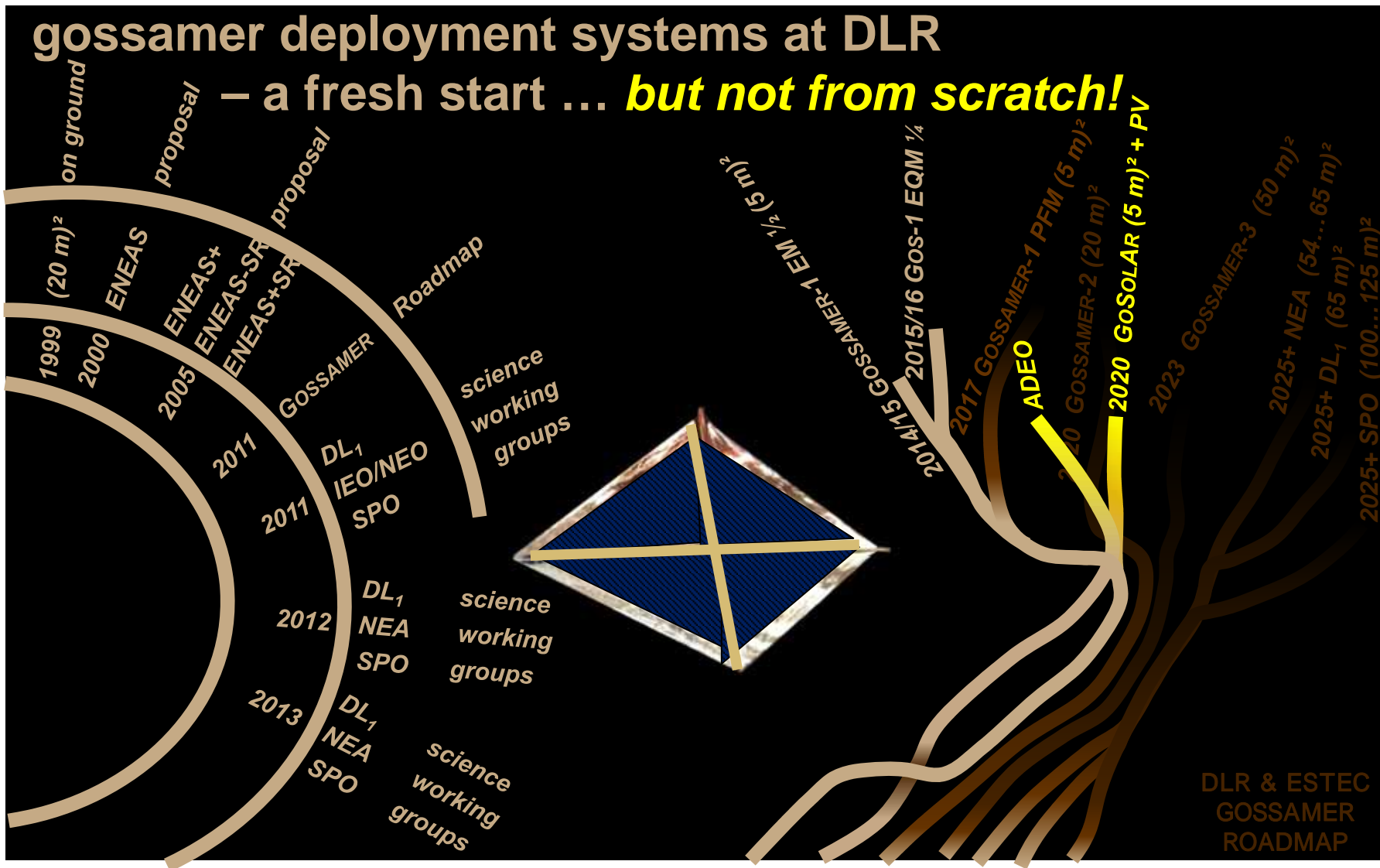
- Deployment Module: 24 kg
- CFRP booms (4 x 14m, 101 g/m): 6 kg
- Sails (20 m)², 4-12 μ m foil: 5 kg
- Dimensions: 60cm x 60 cm x 65cm









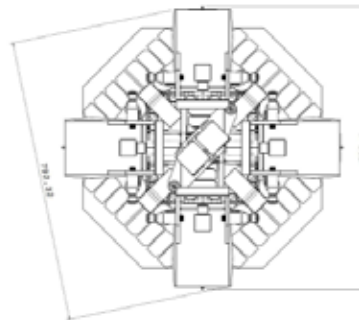
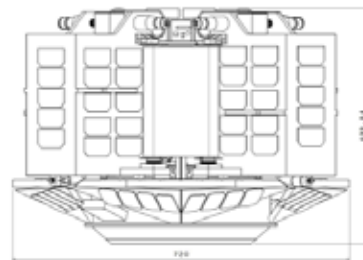


The GOSSAMER Roadmap

step 1 – deployment

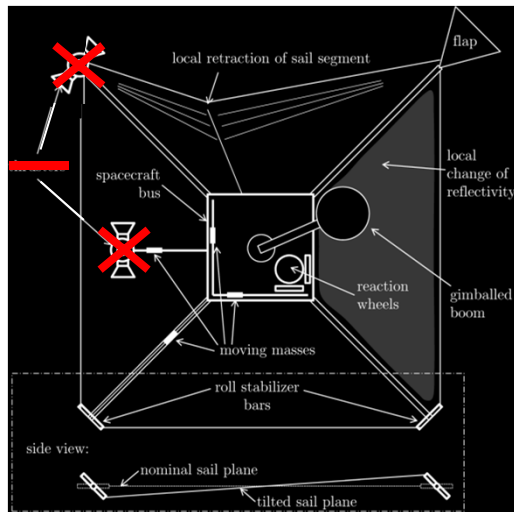
GOSSAMER-1 – in-orbit deployment demonstrator

- (5 m)² sail area, all deployment-related mechanisms
- 1-boom, 2-quadrant EM in operation →
- **1-boom EQM currently in extensive qualification testing**
- proven MASCOT-style concurrent AIV approach
- PFM detailed design was carried through beyond PDR
 - free-flyer independent spacecraft (really 5-in-1)
 - “piggy-back” launch to LEO, <50 kg total ↓
 - extensive instrumentation: 6 hi-res video cameras
- **project wrap-up at end of 2015**



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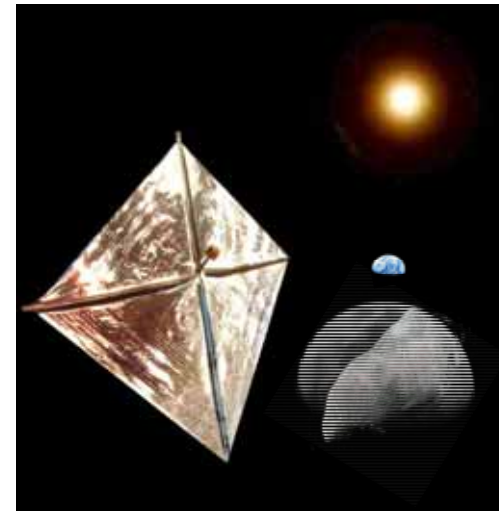
step 2 – control



GOSSAMER-2 – in-orbit attitude & thrust vector control demo

- (20 m)² sail area
- orbit where solar radiation pressure is dominant – high LEO, MEO, GTO
- implementation of several (all?) control methods and all relevant mechanisms
- **find out what's the best ...**

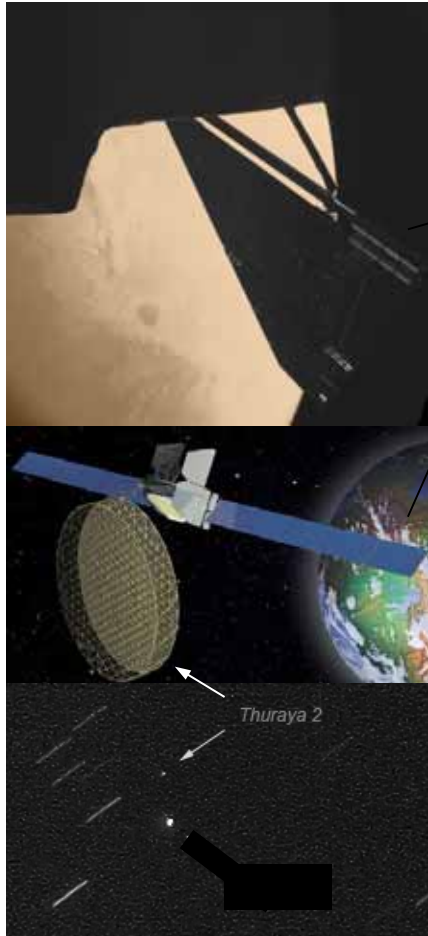
step 3 – proving the principle



GOSSAMER-3 – all-up proof test, science mission readiness demonstrator

- (50 m)² sail area
- initial orbit high enough to spiral out (sail up)
- applies best control method(s) of GOSSAMER-2
- **prove that sails can operate science missions**
 - *tiny* science payload: imager & sail-environment interaction

GOSSAMER-3 key mission events: proving the principle



minimum mission

- get launched cheap, deploy & spiral up
- explore & improve sailing skills around Earth
- fly-by visit a target on time & look at it right

nominal mission

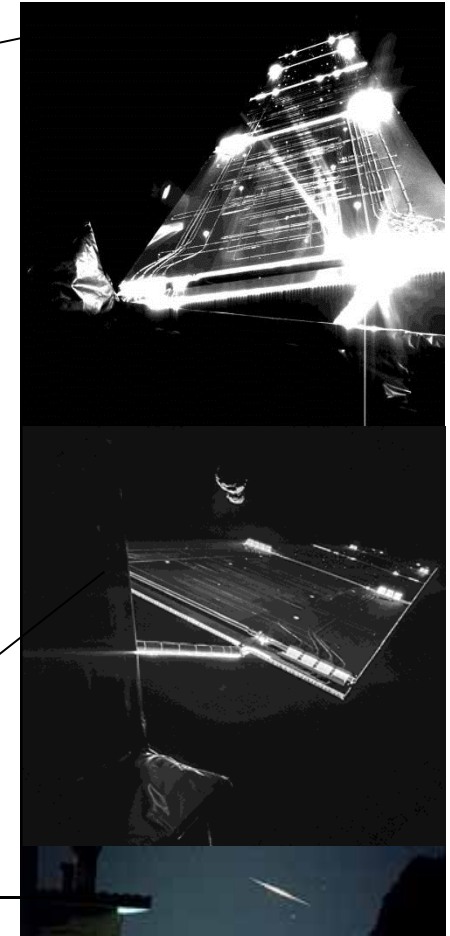
- explore practical flying in Earth-Moon system
- “all-up” navigation accuracy proof test
- low-altitude lunar gravity-assist fly-by

extended mission

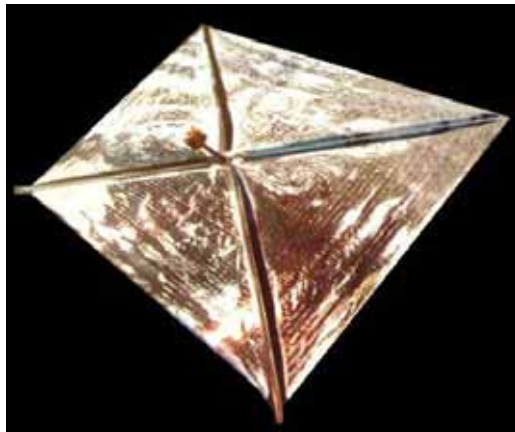
- transfers to Earth-Sun L_1 , L_2 , or pole-sitter
- demonstrate spaceweather Displaced- L_1

extended extended mission

- fly out to a convenient NEA – coorbital?
- rendezvous & drop...
- ...some grand finale...



GOSSAMER-3 sail propulsion system quality assurance – sail monitoring, pointing verification



GOSSAMER-3 – engineering instruments envisaged

a *tiny science*(...-like) payload to **observe sail ageing**

- wide-angle camera to observe **sail deployment and long-term foil behaviour** and provide **proof images for attitude control, pointing stability & accuracy**
 - sensor to observe **interaction of a sail with solar wind's & geomagnetic field**
 - sensor to observe **plasma, particle and energetic radiation sail environment**
 - sensor to observe **large area foil reflectivity ageing**, e.g. **thermal equilibrium**
 - sensor to observe **small-scale space weathering mechanisms of foil ageing**
 - sensor to observe **core spacecraft (electronics) electromagnetic signature**
 - sensor to observe **illumination changes and Sun glints off the sail surface**
 - sensor to register **space debris and natural dust impacts on the sail foil**
- *note* that **science** only comes aboard where and only as far as **sail technology development requirements** create the instrument infrastructure – as **dual use**



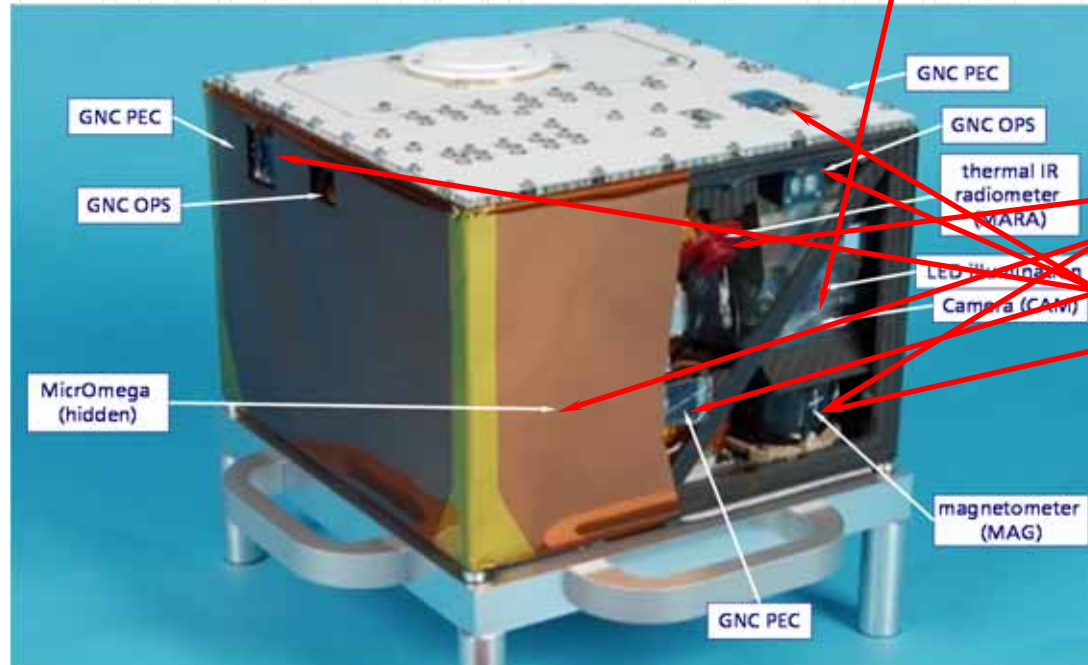
Gossamer-3 sail propulsion system quality assurance – cheap instruments package wanted, some wear o.k. ;-)



MASCOT instruments capabilities

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Gossamer-3 instruments left to be added

- ⊕ additional MAG instrument, 2 sensors spaced by ~1 m at 1 or 2 boom ends
- ⊕ e.g. Spherical EUV and Plasma Spectrometer (SEPS), 2 on opposite booms
- ⊕ DLR SOLID instrument, and/or e.g. acoustic pick-ups at rigging nodes, structural vibration accelerometers (upgrade of Gossamer-1 sensor)

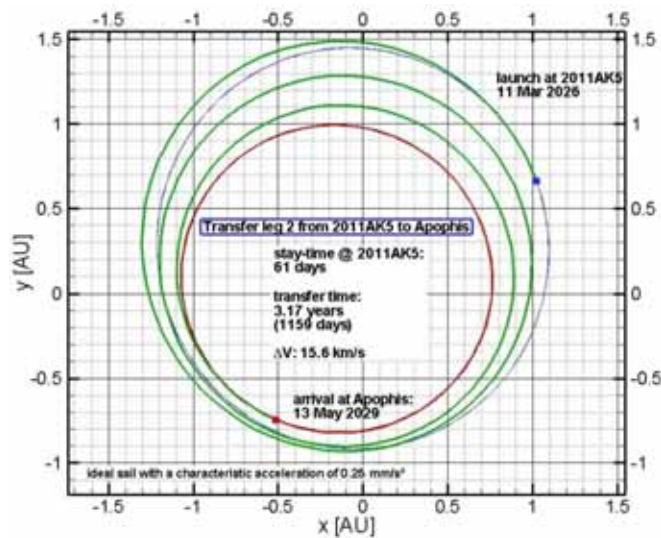
bottom line: been there, done that... ;-)



...and beyond...

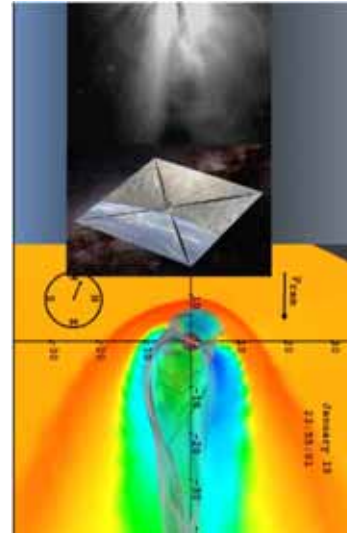


3 NEOs in 10 years – 20 minutes closer to the storm – on top of the Sun



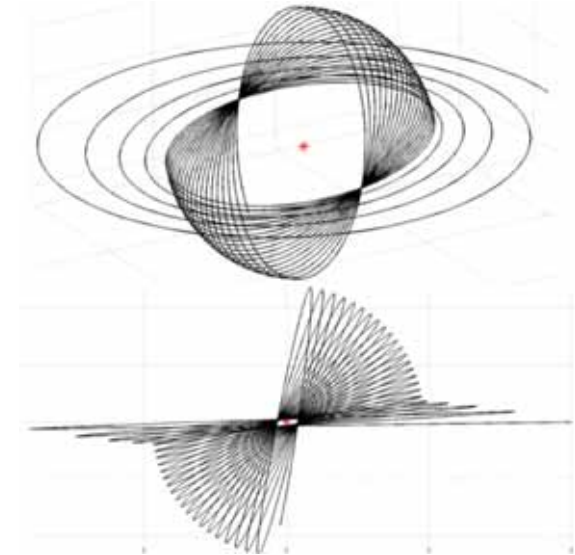
MULTIPLE NEO RENDEZVOUS

- $(54...65 \text{ m})^2$ sail area
- triple pre-selected NEA rendezvous with stationkeeping + NEO fly-bys of opportunity
- 0.3 mm/s^2 , 10 years lifetime
- 40...60 kg bus, 12 kg science
- 3 small drop-probes, imager, Vis-NIR spectro, radiometer



SOLAR TSUNAMI EARLY WARNING SYSTEM

- $(65 \text{ m})^2$ sail area
- 10 years at DL_1 at $2 \cdot L_1$
- 0.3 mm/s^2 , $2 \mu\text{m}$ foil
- 110 kg deployed sailcraft, 15 kg bus, 1 kg science
- magnetometer, plasma analyzer, Langmuir probe



SOLAR POLAR ORBITER

- $(100...125 \text{ m})^2$ sail area
- 10 years at DL_1 at $2 \cdot L_1$
- $0.29...0.54 \text{ mm/s}^2$, $2.5 \mu\text{m}$ foil
- 250...510 kg deployed sailcraft, 5 / 15 / 40 kg science
- Total Solar Irradiance, Doppler & Stokes imager, coronagraph wind, fields & particles



NEO trajectory plots: B. Dachwald et al.
storm & mag.sphere: V. Bothmer et al.
inc-up plot: M. Macdonald et al.

Multiple NEO Rendezvous reference mission*

SCIENCE REQUIREMENTS

- rendezvous ≥ 3 NEO with a...
 - stay time \approx a few days, > 1 rotation
 - distance < 10 object diameters
 - rendezvous or very slow fly-by
- support several intermediate NEO fly-bys
 - if possible within design lifetime
 - including fast fly-bys
- support state-of-the art science payload \rightarrow
- support observations at low...moderate solar phase angle
 - significant agility, attitude & trajectory control near the target
- provide 3-axis stabilized non-spinning platform for body-mounted instruments
- mission design lifetime: 10 years
- support data generation rate ≈ 100 Mbyte/d



MODEL PAYLOAD

- Multispectral Imager ≤ 5 kg
 - 7 filters + clear
 - $\approx 5.5^\circ$ field of view
 - similar to Dawn Frame Camera
- Point Spectrometer Vis-NIR ≤ 3 kg
 - for near-infrared mineralogy
 - similar to Dawn VIR mapping sp'm
- Infrared Radiometer < 1 kg
 - thermal surface characteristics
 - similar to MASCOT MARA (0.26 kg)
- 3 small drop-probes < 1 kg, each
 - measure free-fall descent velocity profile
 - target marking
 - based on CubeSat standard



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Multiple NEO Rendezvous reference mission*

TARGET SELECTION

- no science preferences or priorities (*sic!*)
 - all asteroids visited so far were different

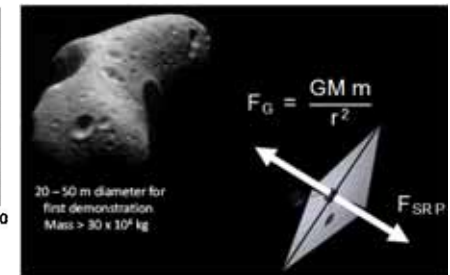
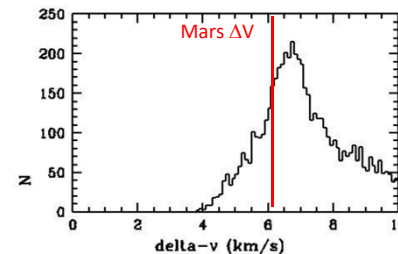
→ secondary interests taken into account:

- human exploration targets
- planetary defence

1. ≥ 1 Potentially Hazardous Object (PHO) target
 - place a transponder
 - determine non-gravitational forces
2. ≥ 1 from NASA target list for crewed expeditions
 - study suitability for a crewed visit
3. last object should be very small, $\varnothing 20 \dots 50$ m
 - place a transponder
 - demonstrate gravity tractor
 - may be continued as long as sail operational

REFERENCE TARGETS

- 2004 GU₉, $a = 1.001$, $e = 0.136$, $\varnothing 170 \dots 380$ m, PHO
- 2001 QJ₁₄₂, $a = 1.062$, $e = 0.086$, $\varnothing 50 \dots 120$ m, PHO, C
- 2006 QQ₅₆, $a = 0.985$, $e = 0.046$, $\varnothing 10 \dots 40$ m, subPHO



REFERENCE MISSION

- 28 Nov 2019 – launch to $C_3 = 0$ km²/s² – 1111 d flight
- 13 Dec 2022 – 2004 GU₉ arrival – 113 d stay
- 05 Apr 2023 – 2004 GU₉ departure – 1396 d flight
- 30 Jan 2027 – 2001 QJ₁₄₂ arrival – 90 d stay
- 30 Apr 2027 – 2001 QJ₁₄₂ departure – 635 d flight
- 24 Jan 2029 – 2006 QQ₅₆ arrival – stay
- 28 Nov 2029 – 10-year mark passed – 308 d margin
- 29 Nov 2029 – extended mission begins...

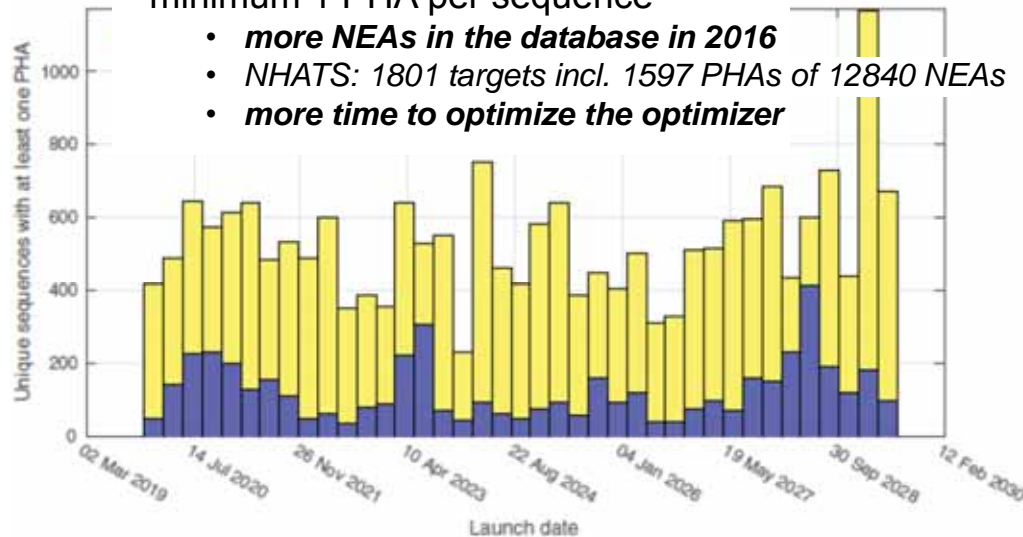
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many more asteroids by much-more-than-nice-to-have science – a NAV update... ****

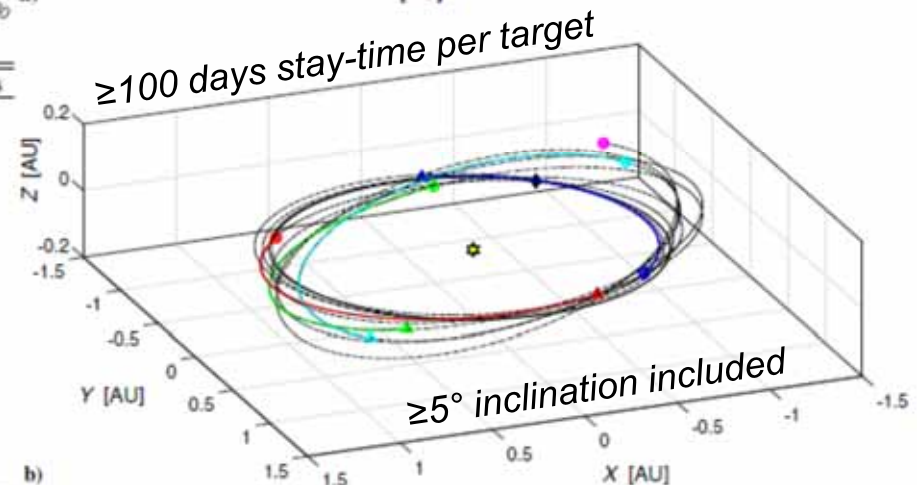
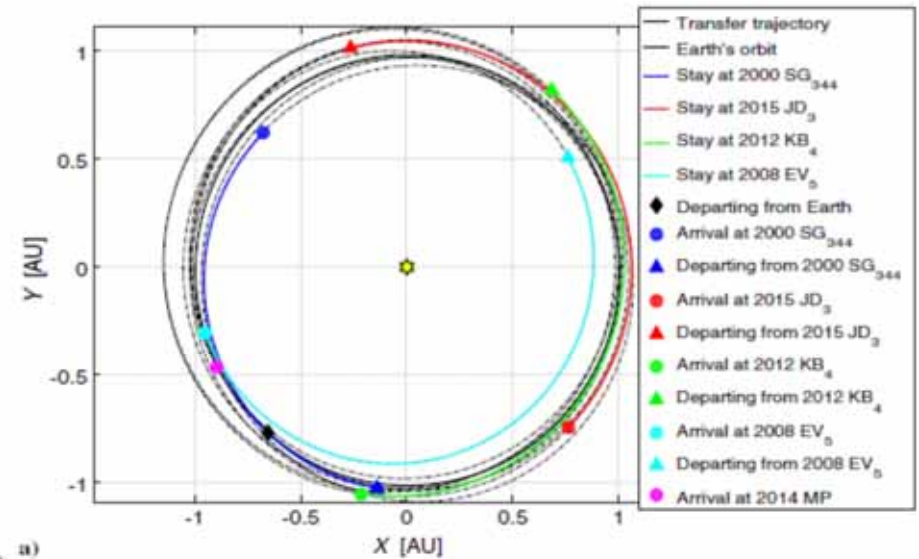
- 4800 sequences to 5 of 1801 asteroids in 10 years @ 0.2 mm/s^2
 - MNR: 0.3 mm/s^2**

- minimum 1 PHA per sequence

- more NEAs in the database in 2016**
- NHATS: 1801 targets incl. 1597 PHAs of 12840 NEAs**
- more time to optimize the optimizer**



Object	Stay time, days		Start	End	Time of flight, days
Earth	—		10 May 2025	26 Feb. 2027	657
2000 SG ₃₄₄	123 (100)		(30 April 2025)	(11 March 2027)	(680)
2015 JD ₃	164 (100)		29 June 2027	06 Sept. 2028	436
			(19 June 2027)	(31 Oct. 2028)	(500)
2012 KB ₄	160 (100)		18 Feb. 2029	24 Sept. 2030	584
			(08 Feb. 2029)	(14 Nov. 2030)	(644)
2008 EV ₅	171 (100)		04 March 2031	29 Sept. 2032	576
			(22 Feb. 2031)	(30 Nov. 2032)	(647)
2014 MP	—		20 March 2033	30 Sept. 2034	560
			(10 March 2033)	(25 Nov. 2034)	(625)



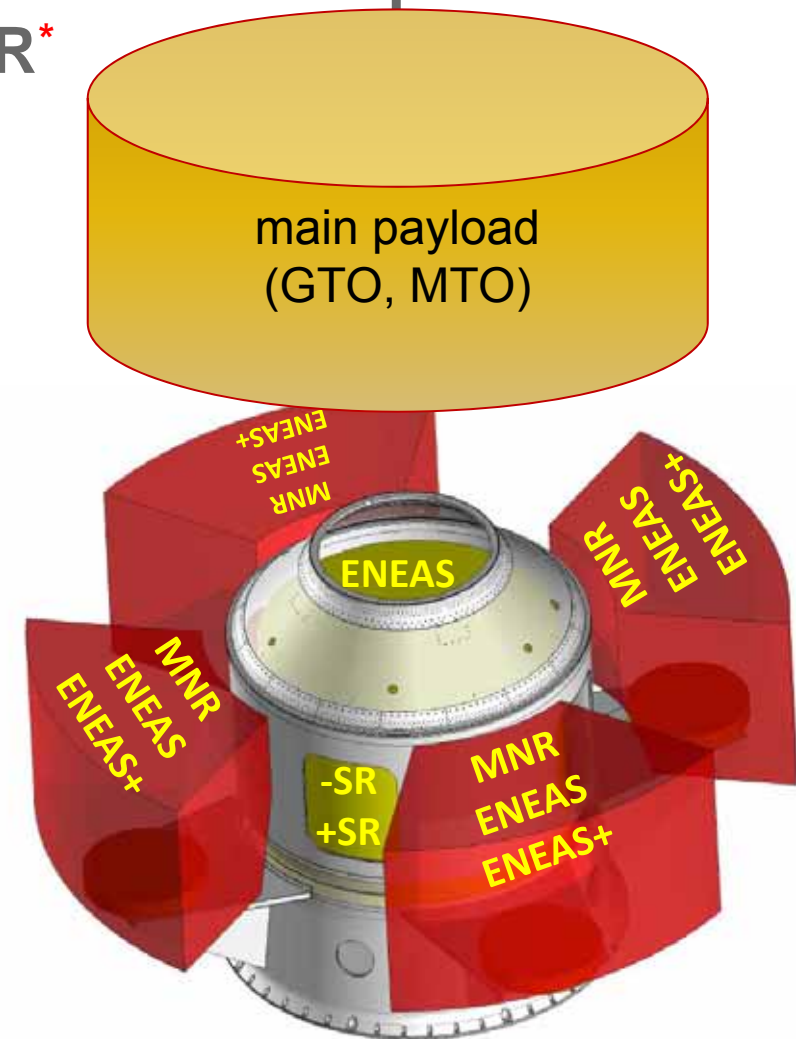
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NEO trajectory plots:
A. Piloni et al.,

ENEAS Single/Multiple NEO Rendezvous/Sample-Return mission family** compared to MNR*

Mission	Objective	NEO target bodies	Mission duration [yr]
ENEAS	1 × rendezvous	1996 FG ₃	4.2
ENEAS-SR	1 × sample return	1996 FG ₃	10.0
MNR	3 × rendezvous	2004 GU ₉ , 2001 QJ ₁₄₂ , 2006 QQ ₅₆	9.8
ENEAS+	3 × rendezvous	2000 AG ₆ , 1989 UQ, 1999 AO ₁₀	7.6
ENEAS+SR	3 × sample return	2000 AG ₆ , 1989 UQ, 1999 AO ₁₀	10.1

Mission	Payload [kg]	Sail size [m]	Sail assembly loading [g/m ²]	Char. acc. [mm/s ²]	Launch mass [kg]
MNR	40...60	54...65		0.3	≤200
MNR (goal)		39...48		0.2	
ENEAS	75	50	30.0	0.140	148
ENEAS-SR	295	70	22.7	0.100	406
ENEAS+	75	70	22.7	0.218	186
ENEAS+SR	295	139	22.7	0.218	734

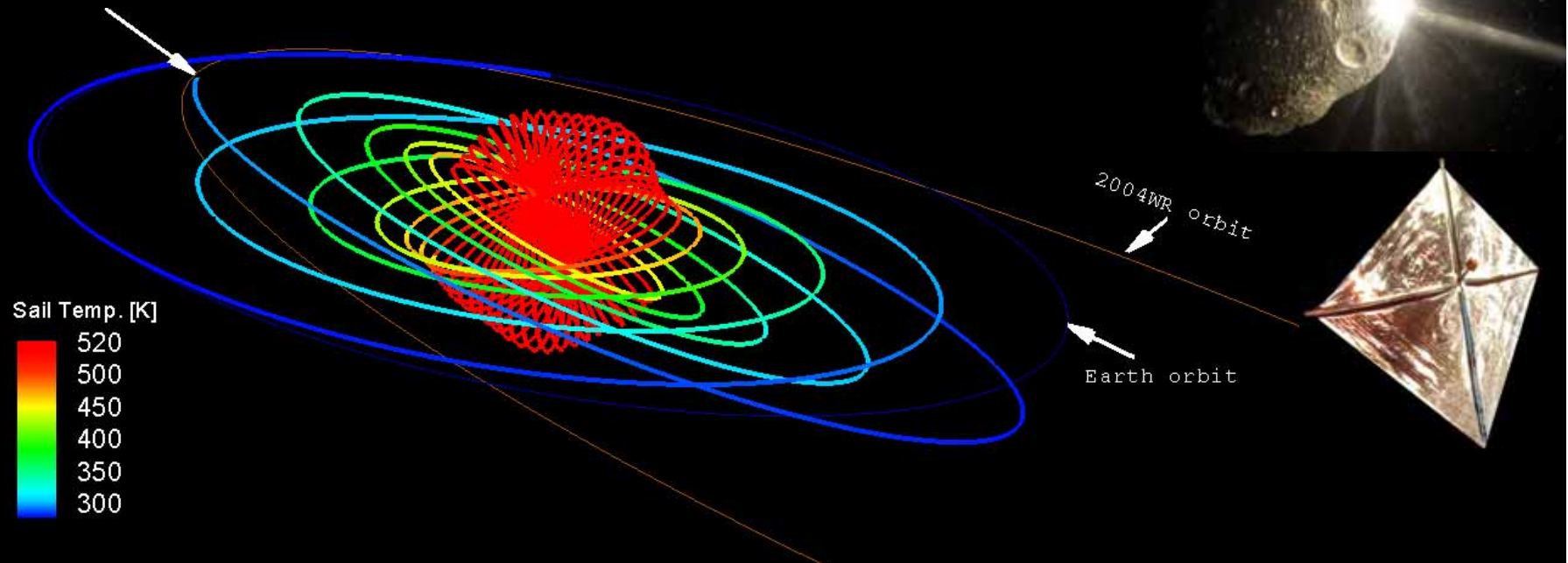


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“If I had a hammer...” ***

2004WR impact
with 81.4 km/s



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...I'D MAKE AN OUTCROP.



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asteroid image: AIM ESA



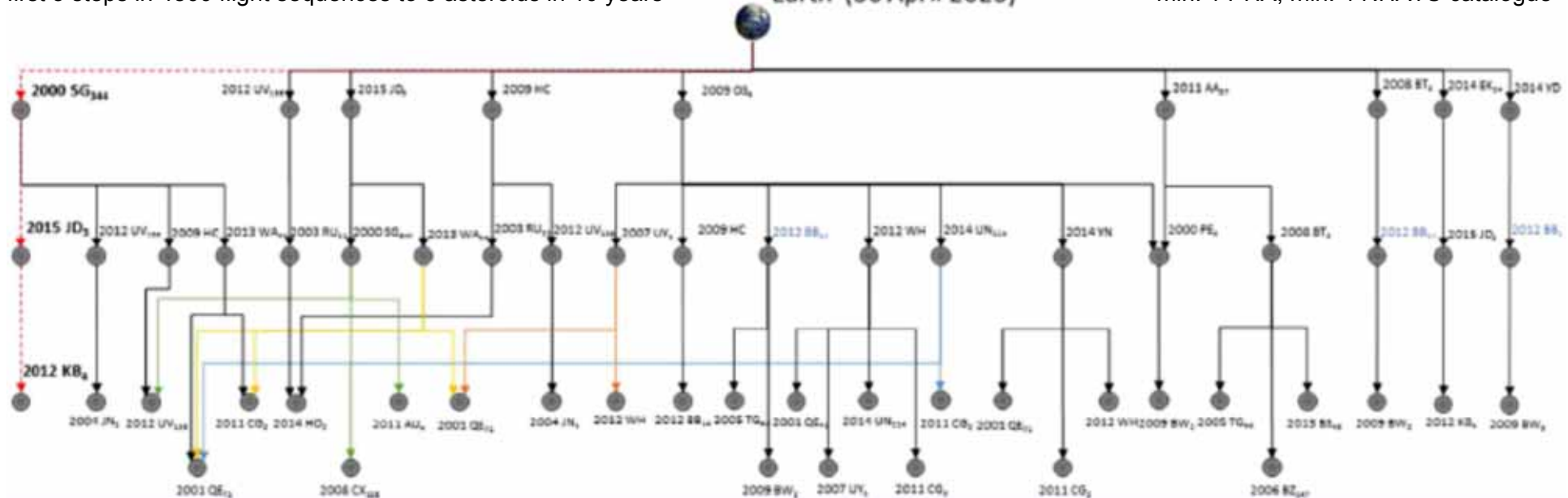
EXERCISE – EXERCISE – EXERCISE – EXERCISE

Planetary Defence Conference Earth impactor response exercises 2013 & 2015

first 3 steps in 4800 flight sequences to 5 asteroids in 10 years ****

Earth (30 April 2025)

min. 1 PHA, min. 4 NHATS catalogue



If GOSSAMER-3 had been **launched** according to the last Roadmap baseline in ~2020 we'd obviously be on the way to "2015 PDC".

If it had been "2021 PDC", we'd also be on the way.

why?

only Solar Sails can **change** interplanetary rendezvous **targets after launch** during cruise phase or other rendezvous in all cases

solar sails can follow the wind of change



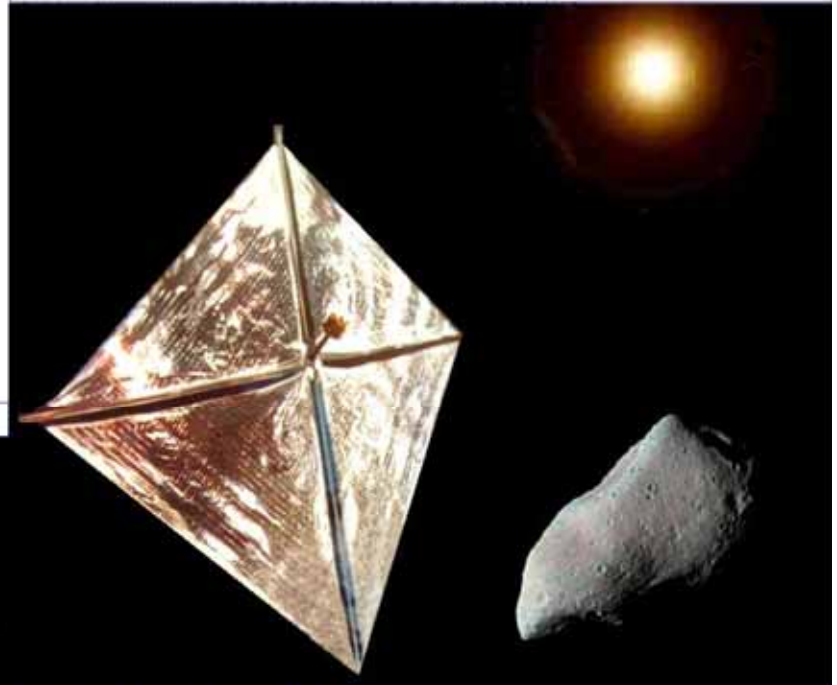
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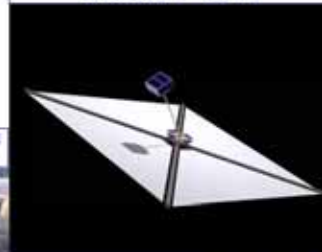


Questions? ☺

Gossamer-3 – (50 m)²



Gossamer-2 – (20 m)²



You
are
here

Gossamer-1
(5 m)²



exploration vehicles (to scale)

